

Saturation/Gridlock Disaster Plan Grid
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	Baseline Activity	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III
Triggers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple contiguous hospitals are saturated, on diversion or requesting diversion at same time, and the EMS Regional Director believes public safety is in jeopardy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage I conditions persist or worsen or expand geographically despite stage I interventions, and the EMS Regional Director believes public safety remains jeopardized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple contiguous regions/geographies in gridlock and situation deteriorating despite implementation of Stage II interventions DPH Commissioner determines implementation based on risk to public safety
EMS Region:	Develop and establish Regional Protocols, Work to assure that Uniform rules/definitions are followed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel diversion or implement pre-approved rotational plans; Advise DPH of need for stage 1 activation Assess delays in offloading ambulances; # patients boarding in EDs, and capacity in area hospitals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise DPH of need for stage 2 activation Assess regional capacity alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide support to DPH Activate disaster plans in affected regions
DPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define Capacity Needs, Collect data, and monitor trends Develop policies for disaster conditions including use of alternative plant/staff/resources Clarify acceptable practices (e.g., EMTALA) Develop media/public communication plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide on Stage 1 Activation Notify affected hospitals and provider services Determine any additional data requirements Activate media/public communication plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide on Stage II Activation Notify affected hospitals and provider services Allow use of TCU/corridor/other beds/space for inpatients Perform statewide capacity analysis and notify hospitals of any available inpatient beds Plan for use of alternative sites/staff Activate media/public communication plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request the Governor to declare "state of emergency" or other state/federal action Authorize use of alternate sites/staff Activate media/public communication plan
Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Best practices Follow uniform rules/definitions Track Occupancy/ED Data Leadership focus on Optimizing Patient Flow throughout the hospital Develop and test "code help" and internal disaster plan and Use internet communication system Participate in the development of a community disaster plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All hospitals will provide bed availability data as requested by EMS regions or DPH Saturated hospitals will treat and transfer all appropriate patients and implement "code help" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturated hospitals will activate relevant components of internal disaster plans and cancel scheduled non-emergent surgeries/ admits Other affected hospitals will respond to DPH requests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement local community disaster plans

"Code Help" = internal hospital policy to redeploy hospital staff and resources with a goal of moving all admitted patients out of the ED within thirty minutes